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THERAPEUTIC USE

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March 25, 2003

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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**RESPONSE**

Responsive to the Office Action dated February 25, 2003, the Applicants elect, with traverse, the subject matter of the Examiner's Group I, subgroup (b), for further prosecution of the above. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement are requested as examination of all of the previously elected subject matter would not be an undue burden on the Examiner.

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Early and favorable action on the merits of all the previously elected subject matter is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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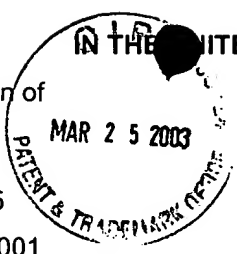
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This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

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